Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rollie Noem has dedicated the past 33 years to serving the people of South Dakota as an employee and valuable member of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks' management team and is retiring as the longest serving Director of Custer State Park, having served under four governors; and,

Whereas, Rollie's service began at Lewis and Clark, Newton Hills and Oakwood Lakes State Parks where he also met his bride, Peg, who was working as a gate attendant–he was the first full-time coordinator of the state snowmobile trail system, which soon became known as one of the premier trail systems in the country; and,

Whereas, Rollie was appointed Director of Custer State Park in 1985 and has developed and fostered positive relationships with surrounding communities, making progressive changes in the park's infrastructure and completing countless capital development projects, keeping the best interest of the park's resources first and foremost; and,

Whereas, Rollie demonstrated a sincere commitment to improving guest services in the park by continually stressing its importance to park staff and by working diligently with Custer State Park Resort Company to improve and enhance resort facilities and services; and,

Whereas, Rollie exemplified the vision of past leaders such as Governor Peter Norbeck, "Founder of Custer State Park", and Governor George Mickelson when making decisions that affected long-term management and improvement of the park–he led by example, with fairness and compassion, going the extra mile for his employees; and,

Whereas, Rollie engaged himself in community organizations such as Rotary, Custer Chamber of Commerce, Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau, and St. John's Catholic Church, while always keeping his wife, Peg, children, Josh, Molly, and Emily, grandson, Oscar, and other family as his number one priority; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of his retirement for the contributions he has made to Custer State Park and the entire state park system which will benefit the public and Custer State Park's resources for generations to come and his impact on fellow employees:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2004, as

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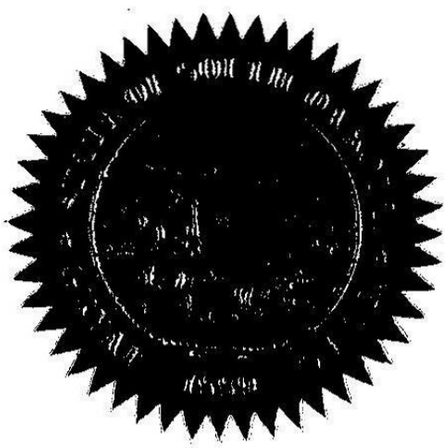
in South Dakota, and I join his many friends, family, and colleagues in the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State